

**Letter to Congressional Leaders on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to the Lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979**

*May 29, 2003*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

Consistent with section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I transmit herewith a 6-month report prepared by my Administration on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001, to deal with the threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate. This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on May 30. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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**Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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**May 24**

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

**May 25**

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

**May 26**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush

traveled to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA, and later returned to Washington, DC.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Roh Moo-hyun of South Korea concerning their May 14 meeting in the Oval Office, the situation in North Korea, and President Bush's meetings with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on May 22–23.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain to offer condolences for the loss of Spanish soldiers on a military transport that crashed in Turkey earlier in the day. President Bush also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada to discuss the G–8 Summit beginning June 1 in Evian-les-Bains, France; Canada-U.S. relations; and other international issues.

**May 27**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

**May 28**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

The White House announced that on June 2–5 the President will travel to Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt, to meet with Arab leaders, then to Aqaba, Jordan, to meet with King Abdullah II of Jordan, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel, and Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) of the Palestinian Authority, and then to Doha, Qatar, to visit coalition and U.S. Central Command personnel.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barroso of Portugal to the White House on June 6 for a meeting and working luncheon.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals to represent the U.S. at the second inauguration of President Olusegun Obasanjo of Nigeria on May 29 in Abuja, Nigeria: Roderick R. Paige, who will

lead the delegation, Carolyn C. Kilpatrick, Jendayi Fraser, W. Todd Bassett, and Howard Franklin Jeter.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as U.S. Commissioners of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission: Scott Burns (non-fisheries State representative), Robert Fletcher (public), and Patrick W. Rose (public).

The President announced his intention to appoint Diana Balmori, Earl A. Powell III, and Elyn Zimmerman as members of the Commission of Fine Arts.

### **May 29**

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings and met with the National Security Council. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the evening, on the South Lawn, the President participated in the Yale University Class of 1968 reunion.

### **May 30**

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Krakow, Poland, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul S. Atkins to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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### **Released May 27**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 51

### **Released May 28**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice on the President's upcoming visit to Europe and the Middle East

Statement by the Press Secretary: President Bush To Travel to Egypt, Jordan, and Qatar

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barroso of Portugal

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 1298

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2185

### **Released May 29**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

### **Released May 30**

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 330 and S. 870

Transcript of a press gaggle by Secretary of State Colin L. Powell on the President's visit to Europe and the Middle East

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## **Acts Approved by the President**

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### **Approved May 27**

H.J. Res. 51 / Public Law 108-24  
Increasing the statutory limit on the public debt

H.R. 1298 / Public Law 108-25  
United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003